



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Parks and Recreation



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**Summer 2012 Aquatics Permitting
Wednesday, February 15 – Friday, March 9, 2012**

The Permit Office of the Department of Parks and Recreation will be accepting permit applications for the Summer 2012 season between Wednesday, February 15 and Friday, March 9, 2012.

Please note: There will not be any permits issued for the Deanwood Aquatic Center.

What is a group?

A group is defined as 10 or more people.

Permitted groups

1. Groups of ten or more must have a permit for admission to the pool.
2. Permitted groups, including camps and day cares, must follow the required chaperone to child ratios. Please consider these ratios in your program planning.
3. Because of the high demand for pool space, we ask that groups limit their requests to twice a week.
(For a large camp program, we will consider small groups within that camp program visiting the pools twice a week as honoring this request.)

Chaperone/Parent to Child Ratios

Children 8 and under, 1:2

- There must be one adult for every two children who are 8 years of age and under.
- Adults must be in swim attire.
- Children 8-years old and under must have a responsible person in the water with them and within arm's reach at all times.

Children and Youth, ages 9 and older, 1:6

- There must be one adult for every six children (ages 9 and up).
- Adults must be at poolside, in swim attire, supervising the children.

The Permit Application

1. The website link to the DPR permits page is:
<http://dpr.dc.gov/DC/DPR/Facilities+and+Permits/Permits+and+Reservations/Athletic+Permits>
2. Please submit DPR Permit Application: General use form/standard no-field permit

3. Please be sure to write clearly. Include the name of the organization, a contact name, an email and a phone number.
4. Contact information for the Permits Office is:

1480 Girard Street, NW (Columbia Heights Recreation Center, 4th floor), WDC 20009

Telephone: 202.671.0437

Fax: 202.671.2796

Email: dprpermits@dc.gov

**** The preferred delivery option is through the email address ****

Permitting Process

1. Provided that the application is submitted to the Permits Office between February 15 through the March 9, 2012, DPR will, in scheduling groups at the pools for the summer 2012 season, schedule groups in the following order:
 - Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Programs
 - DPR Partners (Organizations that have executed a DPR Partnership Agreement)
 - Community Organizations serving DC youth
 - Organizations serving DC adults
2. All permit applications that are submitted during the permitting window will be considered equally at the end of the permitting time frame.
3. Because this is a new process, some permit applications have already been submitted. These applications will be considered along with those submitted between February 15 and March 9, 2012.
4. Summer aquatics permits will be issued the first week of April 2012.
5. All applications submitted after the March 9 deadline will be placed on hold until as many permit applications as possible can be worked into the summer pool schedule.
6. Applications submitted after the March 9 deadline will be considered on a first come-first serve basis and will be assessed taking into account the preferences described above.